



<b>Title</b>	<b>Comments from the Executive</b>
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<b>Service Area</b>	Civic & Committee Services
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	n/a
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006</b>	No
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	n/a
<b>Background Papers</b>	Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee minutes 29/9/2015 Executive minutes from 30/9/2015

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
With regard to officer approval all reports <i>must</i> be approved by the report authors relevant director, Finance, Legal Services and the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).		
<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Deputy Chief Executive		
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal		
Finance		
Portfolio Holders		

<b>Consultation Undertaken</b>	
n/a	
<b>Final Decision?</b>	Yes
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>	

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report summarises the Executive's response to comments given by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee on reports submitted to the Executive on 30 September 2015.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the responses made by the Executive be noted, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

## **3. Reasons for the Recommendation**

- 3.1 This report is produced to create a dialogue between the Executive and the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee, ensuring that the Scrutiny Committee is formally made aware of the Executive's responses.

## **4. Alternative Options Considered**

- 4.1 The Committee receives and notes the minutes of the Executive instead.

## **5. Budgetary Framework**

- 5.1 There is no impact on the budgetary framework. This is for the Committee's information only.

## **6. Policy Framework**

- 6.1 The work carried out by the Committee helps the Council to improve in line with its priority to manage services openly, efficiently and effectively.

## **7. Background**

- 7.1 As part of the scrutiny process, the Committee no longer considers the whole of the Executive agenda.
- 7.2 Councillors are emailed at the time of the publication of the Executive and Scrutiny Committee agendas, asking them to contact Committee Services by 9.00 am on the day of the Scrutiny Committee, to advise which Executive items they wish the Scrutiny Committee to pass comment on and the reasons why.
- 7.3 As a result, at its meeting on 29 September 2015, the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee considered the items detailed in the appendices. The responses which the Executive gave are also shown.

**Responses from the meeting of the Executive held on 30 September 2015 to the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments**

<b>Item no</b>	3	<b>Title</b>	Fees and Charges
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee endorsed the report. Concerns were raised about the car parking charges in Kenilworth not being comparable to the other towns and whether there was scope for overall charges to be raised but Members were satisfied that a balanced approach was preferable and the priority was attracting shoppers to the District.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services explained that there was a need to recognise the individual towns circumstances and competition but at the same time there was a need to bring income from these sites. Therefore charges were increasing and there was variation in charges but at the same time Kenilworth was coming into line with Old Town Leamington and charges in Warwick were now cheaper.		

<b>Item no</b>	4	<b>Title</b>	Review of WDC/WCC Customer Service Centre & Digital Transformation Initiatives
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	No response was made by the Executive		

<b>Item no</b>	8A	<b>Title</b>	Significant Business Risk Register
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee noted the report but queried why the risk relating to the Local Plan had been placed in a different position from that in its own Development Services risk register and whether an additional significant medium-term risk was emerging of funding for major projects being identified.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Leader of the Executive explained that the importance was not the scoring but ensuring we were recording and mitigating the risks, which the Executive would continue to manage.		

<b>Item no</b>	11	<b>Title</b>	Council HQ Relocation Project – Part B
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations but raised concerns about the overall capital funding position, the priority to be given to this project, not least if local government is to be reorganised, and the impact of funding costs on the projected annual net benefit. Members noted that future reports should provide them with a wider picture of the capital position.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	No response was made by the Executive.		